

May 25, 2006
Informational Correspondence

Bay-Delta Environmental Report Card, San Francisco Estuary Project, Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan Implementation progress 2003-2005, Workbook dated October, 2005.

Letter dated February 27, 2006 from Senator Tom Torlakson to Executive Director announcing the introduction of Senate Bill 1556 which would authorize the planning and implementation of the Great California Delta Trail, and requesting Commission support.

Letter dated March 10, 2006 from Tom Zuckerman requesting support for the planning efforts underway for the Delta Vision Conference to be held at the University of the Pacific on June 6 and 7, 2006.

(Staff has been participating in the planning process along with representatives from the California Water Education Foundation, the Department of Water Resources, CALFED, and UOP.)

Copied on letter from Senator Tom Torlakson to Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli, dated March 16, 2006, offering support for funding to address abandon vessel/hazardous pilings situation in Mayberry Slough (San Joaquin River).

(Staff has been facilitating discussions to collaboratively address the issue.)

Letter dated March 17, 2006 to Senator Tom Torlakson from Chair McGowan expressing Commission action taken on January 26, 2006 to support Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 62 relative to the Great California Delta Trail.

(Letter provided for Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee hearing on March 28, 2006.)

Copied on letters dated March 17, 2006 from Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli to County Supervisors Leroy Ornellas, Mike Reagan, Mary Piepho, and Mike McGowan requesting respective county support for the Discover the Delta Foundation's branding and visitor center projects.

(DPC has provided letter of support to Foundation and staff has facilitated discussions seeking letters of support and/or funding support from the five counties for this effort.)

Copied on letters from Audubon California (March 17, 2006), the Dangermond Group (March 18, 2006), Yolo County Board of Supervisors (March 21, 2006), American Land Conservancy (March 22, 2006) and Patrick Johnston (former State Senator, March 23, 2006), to Senator Tom Torlakson in support of Senate Bill 1556, relative to the concept for the Great California Delta Trail.

Notice of 31st Annual California Preservation Conference, Finding Common Ground, sponsored by California Preservation Foundation, State Parks Office of Historic Preservation, and City of Sacramento Preservation Roundtable on April 20-22, 2006.

Copy of letter dated March 23, 2006, from the Alliance of Concerned Citizens of the Sacramento River Delta regarding the Delta Protection Commission Visioning Process.

Copy of letter dated March 16, 2006 to David Hobson, Chairman of Congressional Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development and Peter Visclosky, Ranking Committee Member from Congressmembers Ellen Tauscher, Mike Honda, Henry Waxman, Barbara Lee, George Miller, Dennis Cardoza, Jane Harman, and Pete Stark urging the Appropriations Committee to fund both the

CALFED Levee Integrity Program at \$6 million and the Delta Islands and Levees Feasibility Study at \$2 million.

(Letter sent by DPC on same subject is consistent.)

Copied on letter dated April 6, 2006 to Sacramento County Supervisor Don Nottoli from Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Piepho expressing support of the Delta branding efforts of the Discover the Delta Foundation.

(Staff has coordinated discussions requesting support for the subject effort.)

Letter dated April 10, 2006 to Kathryn Kelly, Executive Director of the Yolo Land Trust from Dave Feliz, Department of Fish and Game responding to comment letter received in response to circulation of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Pacific Flyway Center and the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area.

(Staff has determined project location to be outside of the Primary and Secondary zones.)

Letter dated April 11, 2006 from Contra Costa County Supervisor Mary Piepho expressing agreement with the Discover the Delta Foundation's proposals for a Delta Discovery Center and Delta-wide signage.

(Staff has coordinated discussions requesting support from Contra Costa County as well as the other four Delta counties.)

Letter dated April 13, 2006 to Senator Sheila Kuehl, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water from Central Delta Water Agency (Tom Zuckerman, Special Projects Manager) opposing SB 1612 (Simitian) which would place a \$3 billion bond issue on the November ballot for "...the authorization of a Peripheral Canal, euphemistically entitled the Clean Water Project to Relocate the Existing Delta Intake Facilities of the State Water Resources Development System and the Central Valley Project to the Sacramento River..." and supporting SB 1574 (Kuehl) "...believe it provides for an enlightened review of the critical elements necessary to preserve the Bay-Delta system while responsibly responding to the needs of the balance of our State."

Letter dated May 2, 2006 from Joyce Crosthwaite and Kim Koeppen, California Local Agency Formation Commission, thanking Linda Fiack for participating at the CALAFCO workshop on water availability.

Comment letters from DPC provided on the following projects in the Primary Zone:

(see projects list)

PG&E Pipeline Reliability Project, Old River, Middle River and Latham Sloughs; Wing Levee Road Preserve Acquisition; Bruce Town Minor Subdivision Application, Walnut Grove; Poultry Farm on Roberts Island, San Joaquin County.

Comment letters from DPC provided on the following projects in the Secondary Zone:

(see projects list)

City of Oakley Housing Element Rezone II; I-5 Bridge Widening at San Joaquin River; Dutch Slough Restoration Projects; City of Tracy General Plan Amendment; Fourteen Mile Slough Pump Station Upgrade, City of Stockton; Duarte Ranch Subdivision, Oakley; Small/Large lot subdivision, San Joaquin County; I-5/Cosumnes River Blvd Interchange, Sacramento; Vintner View Subdivision, Oakley; River Port Place II, Isleton; Sacramento Riverbank Protection, Pocket Area; Corp of Engineers Mitigation Banking.